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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated May 17, 2005, claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 12, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 31-33, 35, 37, 38 and 41 were allowed. Claims 8, 10, 29, 30, 39 and 40 were rejected. Claims 3, 5, 8-11, 13-21, 24, 26, 29-30, 34, 36, 39-40, 42-47 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 12, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 31-33, 35, 37, 38, and 41 are pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 8, 10, 29, 30, and 39-40 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's grounds for rejection. However, in order to facilitate prosecution in this case applicants have canceled claims 8, 10, 29, 30, and 39-40, without prejudice or disclaimer and expressly reserve the right to pursue such claims in a continuation or divisional application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the written description rejection of claims 8, 10, 29, 30, and 39-40.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 416272001500. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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